

# Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority

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The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Chairman Nelson Bard; Vice Chairman Wilmer Musser VIA Zoom; Secretary Mike Reed; Treasurer Samuel Huber; Public Works Director John Leen; Clayton Bubeck of Rettew; Abraham King of Rettew; Kara Kalupson of Rettew; Utility Billing Specialist Jamie McFalls.

Mr. Bard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Reed made a **motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024**, meeting. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Public Comments:**

None

## **Visitors:**

Don Neff from the Worship Center spoke to the Authority about considering a 90% credit on the yearly Stormwater bill. Mr. Neff said since there is a Stream Restoration project planned for the Worship Center the Church Board members feel like there should be a greater reduction in fees. Mr. Neff mentioned that they are a non-profit organization, and they do a lot for the community, and they have always followed the Stormwater management requirements. Mrs. Kalupson said the Worship Center is made up of 3 different parcels which equals 21 acres of impervious area which is equivalent to 193.1 ERUs. The yearly Stormwater bill is \$13,903.20. Mrs. Kalupson said the Worship Center is eligible for a 50% maximum credit, that would be effective once the Stream Restoration project is complete. Right now, the project is in the planning stages, and they would need to get final approval from DEP. Mrs. Kalupson said this project will not be completed until 2025 and the credit would not be applied until 2026. Mr. Neff requested they receive a credit this year since they are in the beginning stage of planning, and they are willing to participate with the Township on the Stream Restoration Project. Mr. Neff also mentioned that part of the land is Ag use and the tenants put together a plan and submitted it, but they received no credit. He was expecting to receive the 90% Ag credit. Mrs. Kalupson mentioned that she investigated land use classification based on County GIS Data. The large parcel on Creek Hill Road contains parking areas for the Worship Center, most of the stream and the Greystone Therapeutic Riding Center. This area has 59.5 ERUs. Mr. Neff said this parcel is zoned Ag, but Mrs. Kalupson said the Stormwater Fee is based on County Classifications. The county has this property listed as Commercial since the Greystone Therapeutic Riding Center is a business. Stormwater is based on actual land use and not Zoning. There is 285,689.80 sq feet of impervious service for the parcels at The Worship Center.

Mr. Huber made a **motion to reward the 25% credit retroactive for 2024 for the Worship Center under good faith that they will continue this project with us**. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed. This motion was passed after the Stormwater bills for 2024 were mailed.

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**Solicitor's Report:**

None

**Manager's Report:**

None

**Public Works Report:**

Mr. Leen mentioned that there have been 8 water main breaks this winter. Mr. Leen said in other years, the average has been 6-7 breaks. Location and traffic can affect the water lines and some of the lines were installed in the 1930s-1940s. Mr. King asked if the water mains were all 4 feet deep. Mr. Leen said that most were at least 42 inches deep.

**Engineer Report:**

**Sanitary Sewer Industrial/Commercial Discharge Survey.** Mr. King said as of 1/29/2024 they have received 31 of 53 responses. Mr. Leen said he wants to look at the properties that did not respond to determine which surveys we will resend.

Mr. King mentioned that there are two Major City Capital improvements in the future. The Solids Process/Handling Facilities Upgrade stated for 2026 and the Liquid Nutrient Expansion stated for 2031.

ULTMA was in flow penalty in 2022 and we just received the flow penalty last week. The penalty for 2022 was right around \$1000.00. For 2023, we were not in flow penalty until the last week of the year. We remained in flow penalty through January 2024. Mr. King said he doesn't think we are flowing that much and that it's probably an issue with the meter. Mr. Leen said we do have some backup from the LASA line. The new meter will fix this issue.

Mr. King mentioned that Rettew completed the setup of Survey 123 database and met with the Authority staff on 1/31/2024 to provide training for the initial Service Line Inventory Project. They are waiting for the preliminary data.

RETTEW finalized a technical memo outlining various alternatives for the force main condition assessment process, which was shared with Authority on 12/21/2023. Wastewater sampling was conducted on 11/21/2023 as part of the ongoing corrosion control study. This control study is to be completed in March.

RETTEW and ULTMA Staff met with representatives of the Worship Center on 1/11/2024 at the Municipal office to discuss the proposed improvements and review the stream design.

Mr. King mentioned that RETTEW and ULTMA staff met with representatives of L&S Sweeteners and the City of Lancaster at L&S Sweeteners facility on 1/25/2024. The reason for this visit was to inspect the facility and discuss the results of the wastewater sample. Mr. Bubeck said that L&S said that calcium added to the boiler water caused issues with the grinder pump and it was not sugar. He recommends that L&S takes over the pump station as soon as possible.

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**Joint Water & Sewer Business:**

None

**Stormwater:**

No comments

**Sewer Business:**

No comments

**Water Business:**

No comments

**Finance:**

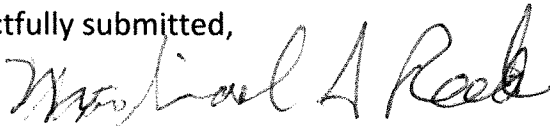
No comments.

**Correspondence:**

No comments.

**With a motion to adjourn** from Mr. Huber and a second from Mr. Reed, the regular meeting for the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at 161 Newport Road, Leola, PA

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Reed" being the most prominent parts.

Michael S. Reed

Secretary Upper Leacock Township